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Secretary Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Madame Secretary,

An alarming number of people do not have access to the Internet, or have extremely slow and unreliable access and therefore do not have the resources or technology needed to fully access our economy, government services and media outlets. Such access would empower these individuals, businesses and schools and encourage full participation in *our* economy and services provided online.

There is a proposal in front of the FCC offering fast, free, family-friendly **wireless** broadband internet access to all Americans. This service would provide our citizens with the affordable, reliable and safe internet access we so desperately need.

I urge you to take this proposal into great consideration as we all work to close the digital divide facing many American citizens. You will undoubtedly help the American economy and will help us gain the momentum needed to be highly competitive in the global marketplace.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jim Bishop
Member, Executive Committee
Former Chairman

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Commissioner McDowell
Wireless Bureau Chief Fred Campbell
U.S. Senator Richard **Burr**
U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole